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TELECON OF SEPTEMBER 10

1. HAY IN SOAMES'S CABINET TELEPHONED ON SEPTEMBER 10 TO READ US THE TELEX HE HAS RECEIVED FROM SOAMES ON THE DATES OF THE US-EC CONSULTATIONS. THE TELEX STATES THAT SOAMES WOULD "FAR PREFER" 5-6 DECEMBER TO 4-5 NOVEMBER. IN ARGUING FOR THE LATER DATES, SOAMES SAID (A) THEY MIGHT PERMIT SOME CONTACT WITH CONGRESSMEN, (B) THEY MIGHT ALLOW THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, AND (C) THEY WOULD ALLOW SOME LAPSE OF TIME AFTER THE ORTOLI VISIT.

2. SOAMES'S MESSAGE CONCLUDES THAT IF THE U.S. REMAINS "ADAMANTLY OPPOSED" TO 5-6 DECEMBER, THEN SOAMES WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF NOVEMBER 13-14, AFTER HIS RETURN TO BRUSSELS.

3. HAY TELLS US THAT SOAMES WILL NOT BE IN HIS OFFICE UNTIL OCTOBER 4. HAY ALSO SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED THAT

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THE 13TH WAS A POSSIBILITY AT ALL SINCE SOAMES WOULD BE UNABLE

TO TRAVEL ON NOVEMBER 12. CONSEQUENTLY, HAY'S PERSONAL
IMPRESSION WAS THAT DATES IN MID-NOVEMBER WOULD HAVE TO
CENTER ON NOVEMBER 14-15, BUT EVIDENTLY SOAMES DID NOT WISH
TO GET INTO THAT DETAIL AT THIS TIME. GREENWALD

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